

ASK DIVORCE ON UGLY GROUND

Same Act of Alleged Unfaithfulness Cited in Two Petitions

BOTH FAMILIES RESIDE IN MEDINA

One Cross Petition Filed in Which the Charge of Conspiracy is Made

Two divorce petitions and one answer and cross petition have been filed in Common Pleas Court, the grounds set forth being of a very serious character.

The first suit to be filed was that of Frank Bennett, Jr. vs. Ruth Bennett, in which plaintiff charges defendant with adultery, alleged to have been committed with one Earl Friend, at plaintiff's home on South Court street, Medina, on Nov. 5 of this year.

Following closely upon the filing of the above case was the filing of one by Esther Friend against her husband, Earl Friend, the petition citing the same "time, place and girl" and the same offense as cited in the Bennett case.

Then comes Ruth Bennett with an answer and cross petition, in which she denies each and every allegation set forth in her husband's petition reflecting upon her character, and asks the court to grant her a divorce and other suitable relief.

In connection with her denial of unfaithfulness, she asserts that friendly relations had existed between the two families for some time, but that the friendliness with respect to her husband and Mrs. Friend had reached the acute stage of mutual kissing and caressing, Mrs. Bennett further declaring as her belief that the divorce suit filed by her husband and that filed by Mrs. Friend was the result of a conspiracy between the two to gain freedom for the purpose of marrying.

The Bennetts were married Aug. 16, 1921; the Friends Oct. 23, 1919. There are no children. F. W. Woods is counsel for plaintiff in both cases, and J. W. Seymour for Mrs. Bennett in her cross petition.

PETER COLLIN DIED SUDDENLY ON SUNDAY

Peter Collins, a resident of Medina for many years, who recently employed in Akron, died suddenly last Sunday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Earl Huffman, 524 Bronson street, where he was visiting. Mr. Collins had appeared in usual good health up to the very moment of his death, which occurred soon after the dinner hour. He had been up town during the forenoon, and ate his dinner with the family after which he laid down, soon expiring. Mr. Collins was 65 years old. He is survived by a widow, a daughter, one sister, Mrs. Loyal Waters of Medina and a brother in Cleveland.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday.

NEXT LODI P. M. TO BE A WOMAN

The position of postmaster at Lodi has been filled by the appointment of Miss Marie Brogan, who has been deputy in that office for several years under postmaster P. C. Fullerton, whose term expired a few months ago. An examination for the postmastership at Leroy will be held on Saturday, at which time it is expected there will be a least four who will take the examination. Both the Lodi and Leroy offices pay \$2,000 a year. Appointment of a successor to W. A. Ault, resigned, at Wadsworth, has not yet been made. There are a number of applicants, three at least, each of whom has his coterie of friends who are waging active efforts in his behalf. The leading candidates are Frank Maloney, C. J. Irey and Wm. Bolich.

SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION

The play, "A Man of the World," given by home talent at the skating rink, last Friday and Saturday nights, was a very creditable performance, and sustained the well-known histrionic reputation of those who made up the cast. The production was given under the auspices of the Women's Relief Corps, and was directed by Miss Fenwick of Akron, who also essayed an important role. The names of those who took part are: Paye Fenton, Earl Thatcher, Florence Thatcher, Boyd Davenport, Mrs. E. P. Hartman, Mrs. Schuyler Hoff, Miss Fenwick, Mrs. E. E. Wallace, Jos. A. Seymour, Louis Kern. There were also two choruses, one composed of little girls, the other of older girls, the latter led by Miss Avonell Handchy.

During the action Friday night the support to one end of the platform gave way, but fortunately no one was injured. Also on Friday night male friends of Joe Seymour who felt that his efforts as a "play-actor" deserved more than commonplace applause, had presented to him over the footlights a bouquet, thru the wrappings of which Joe's deft digits detected, not the plant and fragile petals of orchids or gladioli, but those of the esculent and vulgar cabbage.

CARL SHANE CAPTURES FUGITIVE IN BERE

Albert Peterson, who escaped from West Park police station last Saturday night with his hands in handcuffs, was captured in Berea Tuesday by an armed posse who had been looking for him in connection with his entering the home of R. A. Roth in Berea Monday night and stealing clothing, jewelry and food valued at \$200. Roth is a nephew by marriage to Harry Shane of Medina and son-in-law of George Shane, formerly of Medina but now residing in Berea.

The latter's son, Carl Shane, was a member of the posse, consisting of a score of farmers and deputy marshals, and according to a report of the capture in Wednesday morning's Plain Dealer, is personally credited with the capture of Peterson. The chase led across fields for some distance, Peterson and his pursuers alternately falling on the rough ground. As they drew nearer, Carl fired, as did several others. The buckshot charges hit Peterson, but he kept running until he reached the edge of a patch of woods, when Shane covered him and he surrendered.

Peterson told police that he entered the Roth home because of exhaustion from hunger, having spent the time intervening between his escape Saturday night and Monday night in freeing himself from the handcuffs and keeping out of sight.

STORMY SESSION AT MILK MEETING

What is reported to have been the stormiest meeting ever held by the Ohio Farmers' Co-operative Milk Co., took place Monday at the annual meeting of that organization held at Hotel Winton, Cleveland, and which resulted in a split in the membership, which produces most of the milk used in northern Ohio, one faction clamoring for the ousting of W. H. Ingersoll as president of the association.

Insistence by Ingersoll that the meeting was illegal because the call was issued on postal cards, unsigned and carrying no mention of the reason for the meeting nor the business to be transacted led to a vote in the afternoon to oust Ingersoll from the chair and change the session from a meeting of the co-operative milk company into an open meeting of farmers with Sherman Stoddard of Medina, in the chair.

In that form the body still could not agree on any action except that it recommended to the directors that copies of the constitution be printed and sent to all township officers and that a committee be named to draw up changes in the constitution.

When the association met Monday morning to elect officers, a strong faction was present advocating the ousting of President Ingersoll.

They charged against him "high handed methods" and "gag rule." These were based, his opponents said, on an accumulation of acts and more specifically on discontent with the price paid farmers by Telling-Belle Vernon for surplus milk. About 23 1-2 cents a gallon is paid for a certain amount of contracted milk, with an additional amount for high test milk above the normal in cream. For all surplus over the specified amount a lower price is paid.

Ingersoll charged that Secretary Carl F. Knirk of the association, had not administered his office with business efficiency. He said he would not be a candidate for re-election.

FARMERS INSTITUTE AT WEYMOUTH-NEXT WEEK

The Medina township Farmers' Institute will be held at Weymouth church, beginning Thursday evening, Dec. 15, at 7:30. The Weymouth school will take part in the program and Mr. S. T. Burns, county supervisor of music will have charge of the music. Charles McIntire, Chief Agriculturist, Ohio Board of Administration, Columbus, will give an address on the subject, "The Future Farmer—What Kind of an Education Should He Have?"

Friday morning's session will contain addresses by R. H. Halderson, Brant Early, Mr. McIntire on "Fertility of the Soil," with discussion led by Adam Leister. In the afternoon A. G. Abbott will speak on "The Modern Dairy," discussion led by Grant Chidsey, president Medina County Jersey Cattle club; also Mr. McIntire on "How to Succeed with Live Stock," discussion led by Clair Miller, president Medina Holstein club.

Dinner will be served by the ladies of the church. E. W. Nettleton is president, S. M. Siman, secretary.

ROBBERS FOILED BY NIGHT WATCH

Burglars made an ineffectual attempt to rob the Bending Works Wednesday morning about 2:30 o'clock. There were two of the men, one having gained entrance by prying open a window, while his confederate kept watch on the outside.

Wm. Morgan, night watchman at the plant, hearing sounds which excited his suspicions, started on a tour of investigation, and was rewarded as he approached where the man was standing. The man within must have been signaled, as Morgan says he was climbing out of the window as he, Morgan, turned at the corner of the building into view. The cash drawers had been tampered with, but had contained no money.

Morgan gave chase as the men ran, but says it was too dark for him to keep them in view. The authorities have been unable to discover any clue to the robbers.

BIG CHANGES AT ROOT CO.

Boydens Leave Parent Institution to Locate in California

BEEN HERE OVER TWO SCORE YEARS

A. L. and L. W. Boyden Go to Los Angeles, and R. W. Boyden to Frisco

The A. I. Root Company of California, located at Los Angeles, has so increased in importance to the bee-keeping industry of the Pacific coast that it has become absolutely necessary for some one of the executives of the home plant at Medina to be released to take full charge of the Pacific coast the year round. After much deliberation, A. L. Boyden, the director of sales at Medina, was appointed to this important position, as he was considered best fitted for that work.

Meanwhile Mr. H. J. Bostwick for several years the capable manager of the San Francisco branch office suddenly and unexpectedly received a call to become manager of a new sanitarium in Michigan, which promises to be the largest and most important of its kind in the world. Mr. Boyden consented to be responsible for the Coast business, but asked that his brother, R. W. Boyden, be released to take charge of San Francisco. Mr. R. W. Boyden has had experience as branch manager in Chicago, and has held various executive positions here at Medina.

Mr. Boyden also requested that L. W. Boyden be released to go as his assistant. L. W. Boyden, having been branch manager at Chicago and New York as well as plant manager and bee supply sales manager for the home office at Medina, has had a long experience that can serve him well as an assistant to A. L. Boyden.

Both L. W. Boyden and R. W. Boyden will assume their new duties on or about January 1.

In the years that the Boydens have labored at Medina a good sales organization has been built up, for which they are given full measure of credit by the company, who confidently expect that the sale of Root bee supplies can go triumphantly on and that the usual share of business for 1922 will be secured.

Jesse Warren, who for many years has had charge of Airline honey sales, will continue in this capacity.

Mr. Charles Tollafeld, for several years export sales manager of bee supplies and honey, will take charge at this time of all bee supply sales. Mr. Tollafeld is not new to the organization, nor to the sale of bee supplies. He has already done excellent work in this capacity, the officials state.

Mr. M. J. Deyell, for years manager of the Root apiaries, and the man who has built up these apiaries to more than 1500 colonies while continuing to ship hundreds of colonies and thousands of queens, nuclei every year, will have active charge of the sale of bees and queens. Mr. Deyell will not however, give up the management of the apiaries, but his long experience in the field and considerable experience already in the sales of bees and queens fit him especially for this position.

Mr. J. T. Calvert will return to Medina from Los Angeles in the near future, Mrs. Calvert expecting to proceed as soon as possible direct to Bradenton, Florida, to spend some time with her father, A. I. Root.

In many ways the home company is better prepared to serve the trade than ever before, say the officials, and the reaction against the high prices is now offset by present low prices which in some cases have been cut to a greater degree than is really warranted by decreases in cost. Already, they state, the business booked and in sight indicates a good season for 1922.

A. L. Boyden left for Los Angeles on Tuesday. Mrs. Boyden and children, with L. W. and R. W. Boyden and their families will leave for their new homes immediately after the holidays.

WOOL GROWERS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Medina County Sheep and Wool Growers' association was held in the Farm Bureau office Tuesday afternoon Dec. 6.

Secretary A. S. Canfield submitted a report of the year's activities, and Mark Smith of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation gave a talk on "Marketing" Samples of virgin wool blankets were on exhibit.

On Dec. 7 at 10 a. m., Mark Smith will conduct a grading demonstration of wool on the sheep's back at the farm of Chas. Gibbs, one mile east of Brunswick. At 2 p. m. the same afternoon a similar demonstration will be held at Leonard Eastman's Seville; at 7:30 p. m. of the same day Mr. Smith will speak at Sharon Center on "Wool Marketing." The following day, Dec. 8, at 10 a. m., a grading demonstration will be held at William Brod's, Litchfield and one at 2 p. m. at Orlo Mantz's, Spencer.

IS AULT VICTIM OF G. O. P. CABAL?

Resignation Rumored as Result of Threats From Higher-ups

ROW BREWING THAT MAY DEVELOP BIG

Old Taft Policy by Administration May Block Knight's Deal of Patronage

Whether or not the patronage row, now brewing in administration ranks at Washington, will have any considerable effect in filling postmastership vacancies in this district is a question which is being given considerable thought at present by some local politicians.

The principal charges made by critics of the present methods in the postoffice department are to the effect that the examinations held to select postmasters in first, second, and third class offices, are being "set up" for the choice of interested Republican congressmen, and that democratic incumbents with several years of their terms to run are being evicted from office on trumped-up charges.

It was stated this week by one in a position to know that the resignation of Postmaster Ault of Wadsworth was not a free-will resignation, but was the result of a threat that technical charges, trumped-up or otherwise, would be presented against him.

All this lends color to the charges made this week by several Wisconsin congressmen that the administration is already pursuing the policy, inaugurated under Taft, of withdrawing all federal patronage from recalcitrant members of the house and senate.

The Wisconsin delegation in the house cast a solid vote against the president on the recent sur-tax amendment and about half the delegation voted against the tariff bill, and revenue bill and other important measures backed by the administration during the recent special session.

Several members of the house "insurgent" group have protested that their recommendations of postmasters are being ignored by the postoffice department and that appointments previously sent to the senate with their approval are being held up. These men point out that recommendations are being observed in the cases of their colleagues who have been amenable to the leadership of Mondell, Campbell, Fordney and the other republican leaders in the house. A case wherein the congressman's recommendation and the preferential rating were overruled is now being held up in the senate and may bring a showdown.

How this alleged new policy of the administration will affect Buckeye "insurgents" is a matter of conjecture. Half the Ohio delegation broke with the president on the sur-tax amendment.

Under ordinary circumstances Representative Knight of Akron would dictate the appointments at Lorain and Kent, as well as Wadsworth and Leroy, all of which places are now vacant. Knight, however, voted against the tariff bill in the house and has been "irregular" most of the time. Whether his recommendations will bear weight remains to be seen.

Of more immediate interest to residents of the four places above mentioned are charges made that the so-called "open competitive examinations" to which candidates are required by the president's executive order to submit are not being properly administered.

Critics of the administration declare that Postmaster General Hays has encouraged the practice of determining the choice of each "regular" Congressman for postmasterships in his district prior to the holding of the examinations, and that the requirements have been made so broad that the congressman's choice can always be certified as eligible on the list of three submitted for recommendation.

Numerous cases of removals of democratic postmasters before the expiration of their terms is cited as evidence that the administration is not observing civil service regulations and precedents set under the Wilson regime. In every instance Republican committeemen appointed acting postmasters.

All of which leads the wise ones to believe that politics will play a large part in the appointments to be filled in this district.

Candidates for postmaster at Wadsworth and Leroy must file statements on or before Dec. 13. Lorain and Kent applicants have until Dec. 20. In every case candidates will be required to file a sworn statement, following a form obtainable at any postoffice, stating qualifications for appointment.

CAULK REJECTS CALL

In accordance with a promise made to his congregation on Sunday, Nov. 28, that he would announce definitely last Sunday whether or not he would accept a call received from another church, Rev. R. K. Caulk of St. Paul's church made the statement last Sunday that he would remain in his present position. This information will be a source of gratification not only to his parishioners, but the community at large.

DEATH IN LAKEWOOD OF FOREST McDOWELL

Forest W. McDowell, a resident of Medina county since infancy, the greater part of which time was spent in Seville, tho he resided in Medina for a half dozen years, died Monday night at the home of his son, Jay in Lakewood, following an illness there of several weeks.

The deceased was 72 years of age, the son of the late John and Hannah McDowell, who came to Medina county when the son was a child. For many years he followed the occupation of a photographer, conducting a business in Medina for a number of years, returning to Seville about five or six years ago, where he continued in business until the beginning of his final illness.

He was a man of genial nature, with a care-free philosophy about life that seemed to fortify him with a buoyancy of spirit, and disinclined him to complain of the "whips and scorns of time."

He is survived by the son, a brother George McDowell of Chicago and two sisters, the Misses Sarah and Francis McDowell of Seville. The wife died in Seville about two or three years ago.

A service was held at the home of the son on Wednesday afternoon, following which the body was removed to Seville, where a service will be held this afternoon, Thursday, from the Presbyterian church. Interment will be made in the Seville cemetery.

1921 SEAL SALE TO EXCEED ALL RECORDS

An army of volunteer health workers in Medina county and throughout Ohio have entered upon the 14th annual campaign against tuberculosis through the sale of Christmas seals.

Thirty million of these seals have been distributed among 175 county, city and village agents, the number of seals to each agent ranging from approximately 400 to 4,000,000.

The 1921 Christmas seals which are diamond shaped, show Santa Claus and two children, representing a school boy and school girl, peering out of a chimney. Old Santa has the old fashioned red cheeks, cheery smile on his face and the whole stamp reflects the joy of a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

The seals will begin appearing on Christmas mail at once and will be very much in evidence from now until Christmas. The proceeds from the sale of these penny seals help to finance the crusade against the white plague in the state and nation. They have been growing in popularity each year and, according to State Chairman James Maddox, the seal sale in Ohio this year is going to break all records.

Last year \$113,750 worth of seals were sold in Medina county. Of this amount \$906.20 was kept by the local schools for health work. Each school kept 80 per cent of the proceeds of its sale.

RED CROSS INSURANCE (By Publicity Committee)

It costs one dollar per year. It assures to the buyer that comfortable, warmish feeling which comes from helping the needy and a sensation of greater security for one's self and family. Although we of Medina county have not been visited by fire, flood or famine, we do not know what the Almighty has in store for us. It were well to take out a little Red Cross accident insurance.

In the terrible catastrophes of the last year: floods in Colorado and in Texas, riots in Tulsa, and fires everywhere, the Red Cross was on the spot with ready relief. If you are a member of the Red Cross you helped in this great work. All over the world the Red Cross has its net work of relief stations giving out clothing and food which your dollar helps to buy.

One half of each membership goes to our own county work. In the county work the soldier's needs come first. Miss Wells, the executive secretary, is not given to blowing a trumpet as she goes about her work, but ask the soldier boys, they know.

The Home Hygiene classes which Red Cross is sponsoring are a wonderful stride on the way to better health. Ask the doctors.

The county health work could not be maintained without the aid which the Red Cross has been supplying; its office, Ford coupe and co-operation of its Social Service department. Ask yourself if we can afford to let that fall short.

Last year's Roll Call drive ran short of expectations and needs. Some say they were not solicited. This year, under Mr. Bigelow's chairmanship, the solicitors are to be picked and posted. Ask them anything you want to know about the Red Cross.

Be at home Friday and Saturday with your smiles and your dollars. Hang out your window card promptly, it is a badge of loyalty and faith.

DEFIES MOVIE LAW

The movie theater at Wadsworth, after being closed on Sunday for past three years, was open for business last Sunday.

William Standel, proprietor of the theater, was fined \$25 and costs three years ago, the fine being suspended, providing he would keep closed on Sunday, which he agreed to do. Nothing has as yet been done in the present case.

S. S. CONFERENCE HERE SATURDAY

Will be Devoted Principally to the Interests of Little Folk

DEMONSTRATION WITH TWENTY BEGINNERS

Trained Experts Will Present Modern Methods of Inculcating Religious Precepts

The first of a series of institutes and Sunday school workers' conferences will be held on Saturday of this week at the local Baptist church, under the auspices of the County Sunday School association. It will cover the children's division, namely: Cradle roll, from birth to 3 years; beginners, 4 to 5 years; primary, 6, 7 and 8 years, and junior, 9, 10 and 11 years.

The conference will be under the immediate direction of Mrs. Mary Logan of Medina, County Children's Superintendent. There will also be in attendance two trained experts, Miss Ada Rose Demerest, Ohio State S. S. Ass'n. Children's Supt. of Columbus and Mrs. Margaret String of Cleveland.

A demonstration with twenty beginners will be conducted under the personal direction of Mrs. Neil Kellogg, Supt. of Children's Division of the Congregational church, Medina; also as an added feature will be a very fine exhibit of supplies covering the four departments and showing the latest material for children's work, which may be purchased if desired.

There will be good music, including duets by little children, while the general singing will be under the direction of Mrs. Luella Bowles of Sharon.

The first session will begin Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, tho the exhibit will be open one hour earlier. The afternoon session will convene at 1:30 o'clock. There will be no session in the evening. The day's program follows:

- Forenoon
- 9:00—Exhibit of Children's Supplies.
- 9:30—Song service, leader, Mrs. Luella Bowles, Sharon.
- 9:50—Devotional Service, Mrs. Andrew Haight, Medina.
- 10:10—Cradle Roll and Its Possibilities, Mrs. Margaret String, Cleveland.
- 10:35—Duet, Virginia and Gene Halderson, Medina.
- 10:40—Teaching Methods for Children, Miss Ada Rose Demerest, Columbus.
- 11:00—Round Table.
- 11:45—Song and Closing Prayer.

- Afternoon.
- 1:00—Exhibit.
- 1:30—Song Service.
- 1:40—Devotional Service, Mrs. G. J. Damon, Medina.
- 1:50—Program and Activities of Beginners, Primary and Junior Departments, Mrs. Margaret String.
- 2:20—Music.
- 2:30—Beginners' Sunday School Class (Actual demonstration, using 20 Children).
- 3:10—Music in the Child's Religious Education, Miss Ada Rose Demerest.
- 4:00—Round Table.
- 4:10—Closing Song and Prayer.

KIWANIANS HEAR TALK ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

Attorney G. C. Maxwell of Cleveland, for several years secretary of the State Public Utilities Commission, addressed the Kiwanis club recently on "A Half Century Miracle."

The subject referred to the astounding advancement made in public utilities during the past fifty years, and the necessity for a better understanding between the promoters of the utilities and the public for whom they are provided.

"With the growth and development of these utilities, which at first were luxuries but now are necessities," said the speaker, "has come naturally the need for regulation, but that power of regulation is not to be arbitrarily and oppressively exercised if further growth, development and efficiency for the good of our communities is to be had."

"There is great need," he continued, "that business men should interest themselves in the adjustment of public utility problems; that these problems be divorced in every way from political considerations, and that less consideration be given political advantage and legal technicalities, and more consideration given to sound common sense and business methods. The interests of any community and the utilities which serve it are interdependent."

"With less of politics, less of prejudice, less of legal technicalities, and more of common sense, good business judgment and unselfishness," declared the speaker, any public utility problem in any community can be solved on the basis of the square deal, and it is the community and the inhabitants thereof who will benefit most thereby."